

Thorndike Place Information

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Hardworking Folks of the Conservation Commission:

I'm Steve Moore, an Alington resident who lives on Piedmont Street. I have heard that the Thorndike Place project is once again in front of the Conservation Commission, and that the lawsuit which had been brought against the ZBA for their decision on the project had been dropped. Back about four or five years ago, when this project was in its second iteration, I had done some analysis on the number of tree trunk inches that would be taken down as part of the project, under the auspices of the Arlington Tree Committee at the time. This information may prove useful to your deliberations now, so I am forwarding it to you for your consideration. Below, in quotes, are extracts of emails that I put together at the time.

"There are 207 tree DBH inches total in the sample; the sample experience was scaled up to the 5.6 acre total. At \$375 per DBH inch, multiplied by 42,078.96 inches and a +/- 10% uncertainty, the range of value was established.

I estimate the value to be within a range of \$14.2 million to \$17.4 million. That is, what would be charged to a developer as a fine if they had illegally removed Arlington public street trees of similar DBH inches."

I would be glad to share the process background, if that would be helpful.

Thanks,

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